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Department of Health & Human Services
Tucson Area Indian Health Service
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has initiated the technical review of Department of Health & Human Services renewal application dated September 28, 2012, and additional information is needed to complete the review process. Please provide the following additional information in a signed and dated letter within 30 days of receipt of this letter. Make reference to mail control number 579228 when providing your response.

1. In the renewal application, you provided a commitment to follow an outdated Appendix H for item 10, Radiation Safety Program – Operating and Emergency Procedures. Enclosed is the errata sheet to Appendix H which has been updated and is now titled “Operating, Emergency, and Security Procedures.”

Commit to the following language: “We will implement and maintain the "Operating, Emergency, and Security Procedures" described in the errata sheet to Appendix H of NUREG-1556, Volume 1, Revision 1, and will provide copies of these procedures to all gauge users and at each job site.”

2. In the renewal application, you did not check a box describing a commitment not to perform non-routine maintenance under item 10, Radiation Safety Program - Maintenance.

Commit to the following language: “We will send the gauge to the manufacturer or other person authorized by the NRC or an Agreement State to perform non-routine maintenance or repair operations that require detaching the source or source rod from the gauge.”

You can contact me at 817-200-1189 if you have any questions about this request for information.

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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: As stated